

## Visit of His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate

His Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop Cattaneo, Apostolic Delegate to Australasia, accompanied by the Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, Rev. Dr. Farrelly (Secretary to the Delegation), and Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., returned to Dunedin from Queenstown and the Lakes District on last Wednesday evening. At the principal railway stations passed on the trip to the Lakes, notably Milton, his Excellency was very cordially greeted by large assemblages of the townspeople, not the least pleasing being the children of the Catholic school, who were present on the platform, and who received, with much appreciation, a few kindly words addressed to them by his Excellency.

Passing through Gore on his return, his Excellency was met by Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, and, together with his Lordship Bishop Whyte, paid a hasty visit to the beautiful church and to the Catholic schools of the town. On Thursday morning the Apostolic Delegate celebrated Mass for the Dominican Nuns in their chapel at St. Dominic's Priory. Shortly afterwards his Excellency and party left by motor cars for the north.

### Visit to St. Patrick's College, Teschemakers

Thursday, November 10, was a day of special rejoicing with the Dominican Sisters and pupils of St. Patrick's College, Teschemakers, the occasion being the visit of his Excellency the Most Rev. Archbishop Cattaneo, Apostolic Delegate to Australasia. Promptly to time, his Excellency, accompanied by the Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, Rev. Dr. Farrelly (Secretary to the Delegation), and Very Rev. Father Coffey, arrived at the convent. The college grounds were decked in their brightest spring garments; the house and surroundings were decorated with his Excellency's crest and colors, the Papal flag, and Dominican flags; the pupils, dressed in white, each held a small flag of white and gold. Nature, assisted by art, had succeeded in making a glorious setting for the reception, and the distinguished visitor, on alighting from his car, received a most cordial welcome. A dainty luncheon had been prepared by the Sisters, and seated at the table with the guest of honor were the Right Rev. Dr. Whyte, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, Rev. Dr. Farrelly, Very Rev. Father Coffey, and Rev. Fathers Herring, Morkane, O'Connell, Kaveney, and Foley. After luncheon his Excellency inspected the building, and later was entertained at a concert by the boarders. A very effective musical programme was rendered with a skill and artistry characteristic of all the productions of the Dominican pupils. Miss May Ayson then read the following address:—

Address to the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Reverend Bartholomew Cattaneo, Archbishop of Palmyra, from the Pupils of St. Patrick's College, Teschemakers, New Zealand.

May it please your Excellency,

While in New Zealand you may be received with more splendor and ceremonial, but we venture to say that nowhere will there be a welcome for you from more loyal and devoted Catholic hearts than those of the Sisters and pupils of St. Patrick's College, Teschemakers.

We deeply appreciate the signal honor done us by your Excellency, in whom we venerate the representative of the Holy Father, Benedict XV., Christ's Vicar on earth, and we hail this opportunity to pledge him through you our filial love and our Catholic fidelity.

Your Excellency's experience as head of the great Missionary College of the Propaganda warrants us in believing that this visit to St. Patrick's will have a special interest for you, since so many years of your illustrious career were devoted to the training of students for the missions which have borne all over the globe the standard of the Cross; and we know it will please you to be assured that nothing is here left undone by our teachers to make us worthy of the pioneer priests who brought the faith to New Zealand.

This day will be like a thread of gold in the tenor of our lives, and remembrance of it will in future years inspire us to pray that God may bless and protect the illustrious Apostolic Delegate whose presence amongst us binds

us closer than ever in vital union with the Holy See.

Begging your Excellency's blessing, and with profound esteem, we are, your Excellency's devoted children, the Pupils of St. Patrick's Dominican College, Teschemakers.

His Excellency, in a particularly happy speech, thanked the children for the entertainment and address, expressed his delight over his visit to Teschemakers, and assured the Sisters and children that he would remember them and their work when making his report to his Holiness, Benedict XV.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was then given by the Apostolic Delegate, and as a final gracious act of fatherly affection he distributed sweets to the delighted pupils.

At 5.15, amid the hearty cheers of the children, his Excellency departed for Oamaru. Thus ended one of the happiest and most memorable occasions in the history of St. Patrick's College, Teschemakers.

### At Oamaru

His Excellency arrived at Oamaru in the evening, and attended a conversazione given in his honor at St. Joseph's Schoolroom, where he was welcomed by a crowded assembly (says the *North Otago Times*).

Monsignor Mackay said that it was his privilege and pleasure to welcome Archbishop Cattaneo. Any words of his failed to give expression to his feelings, but he would call on Mr. P. C. Hjorring to speak on behalf of the congregation.

Mr. P. C. Hjorring said that it afforded him great pleasure to welcome the Apostolic Delegate to the town of Oamaru. The speaker was pleased that his Excellency could come to a small town such as Oamaru. He wished to assure the Archbishop that although they were far from the Holy See, they had the same regard for it as those who resided near it. The Delegate would see that the people had built churches and schools in order that the faith would be kept up. The speaker trusted that the Archbishop would have a pleasant time while in the Dominion and on behalf of the congregation extended to him a hearty welcome.

His Lordship Bishop Whyte stated that they would see that his Excellency was in excellent form and that they were sending him to the diocese of Christchurch under the most favorable conditions. It was exactly a fortnight since they left Sydney and, if necessary, he could give his Excellency a diploma as a good travelling companion. He had travelled a good deal while in the diocese of Dunedin and had done well while under the care of the speaker and Father Coffey. Having the true artistic soul of an Italian, his Excellency was interested in art, music, and scenery, and during the stay of his Excellency in Otago, they had supplied him with that. He had heard the music of the boys and girls at the schools and they had shown him Lake Wakatipu. These did not satisfy, however, until the Archbishop had evidenced the faith and piety of the people. The Archbishop had won a place in their hearts by his affability and the speaker was glad that the people had an opportunity of honoring him.

His Excellency, on rising to speak, was greeted with applause. In a happy speech, interspersed with anecdotes, he referred to his pleasure at meeting the congregation of Oamaru. He was extremely thankful to Bishop Whyte and Father Coffey for the attention that they had shown him. The speaker never anticipated seeing such a beautiful structure as their church, indeed, it could hold its own with the churches of Rome. He thanked Mr. Hjorring for his address and was pleased with the expressions of loyalty which were, he felt, authentic. With reference to the musical programme, being an Italian and appreciative of art, he was extremely pleased with the performance.

Upon the conclusion of the Archbishop's remarks, the audience were presented to him individually.

During the evening a musical programme was provided by Miss A. Magee (song with violin obbligato by Miss Leslie), Miss T. McGrath (song), Misses A. Molloy and M. Cartwright (piano duet), Miss Leslie (violin solo), Mr. W. Watters (song), Mr. J. Roxburgh (song), Misses Leslie, Cartwright, and Mr. Hedges (instrumental trio).

A much appreciated supper was then handed round by the lady members of the congregation.